Letters to ANS President Charles E. Anthon Regarding Coin Values, 1881

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Main Subject: Coin value inquiry letters sent in response to a "Numismatic Curiosities" article which appeared in "The Sun" on February 7, 1881, in which the ANS is mentioned as the premier society for coin collectors in New York City.

Noted Documents:
- The "Numismatic Curiosities" article which appeared in the "The Sun" [Feb. 7]

'Numismatic Curiosities' article

From 'The Sun' found in envelope mentioning coin value inquiry letters sent in response to it.

Feb. 7, 1881

[No coin inquiries found in envelope.]

NUMISMATIC CURIOSITIES.

High Prices for Rare Coins and Medals—A Silver Dollar Valued at $1,000.

Somebody recently started a false report that the American silver dollars coined in 1878 were worth $2 each, in consequence of their scarcity and the efforts of coin collectors to secure them. The result was that dealers in coins were deluged with offers to sell specimens of that coin and with inquiries as to whether the report was true. Some time ago a similar story was circulated with reference to the coinage of cents in the United States Mint in 1814. It was alleged that in that year there was a dishonest workman, who was detected in the act of stealing a quantity of gold. In order to screen himself from punishment and dispose of the evidence of his crime, he hastily threw his stolen gold into a crucible of molten copper that he was passing. The story ran that the workman's secret had become known, and that the pennies of 1814 were being bought up to extract the gold from them.

Some idea of the extensive interest taken in the collection of coins and medals may be gathered from the fact that in the year 1880 there were thirty-seven sales of coin collections in the city of New York alone. The total value of the sales was about $50,000. When to this is added the sales by regular dealers the total value of the sales of coins and medals foots up $100,000 a year. Besides the Numismatic Society of New York, of which Prof. Anthon is President, which has been ten years in existence, there are lesser societies in other cities, and there is a growing interest in the subject. The literature of the subject is extensive, and a coin collector's journal is published in this city. Scott & Co. say they have the names of more than 20,000 persons in the United States who are interested in numismatic matters. Some of these collectors have standing orders for certain pieces which they need to complete collections. The traffic is so extensive that there is a distinct market value for every rare coin, and even a difference in price for different stages of preservation. The wear and tear of ages reduces the value of a coin because the distinctness of the impression becomes defaced. Thus it not infrequently happens that one impression of a coin may be worth twice as much as another impression of the same coin.

Looking over a large collection the other day, the reporter asked: "What is the oldest coin you have?"

"Here is an Ægina coin dating 700 years before Christ. It is a didrachma, and was a very common Greek coin. It is worth about $6.

"Only $6 for so much antiquity? How is that? Does not a coin become more valuable according to its age?"

"By no means, unless it is rare and in demand as well as old. Many old coins are comparatively plentiful. Here are coins at least 2,000 years old, that can be bought for 75 cents, $1, or $2."

"How do you know they are genuine?"

"By the same tests that manuscripts and traditions and historical facts of all kinds are authenticated. There are societies not only in New York, but in Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, and other places, where they make a study of these things. There is no more trouble in authenticating an ancient coin than any other object of antiquity."

"Have you any specimens of the 'widow's mite' spoken of in Scripture?"

"Yes; they are not very scarce. Here is a coin issued by Pontius Pilate."

"You have never found any of the silver pieces for which Joseph was sold?"

"No, there would be no means of identifying them, because they were not coined or stamped. The silver for which Judas betrayed his Master was coined money. The progress of the art of coining is a fair index of the progress of the ages. First there were only rude stamps on chunks of silver or other metal. Then the stamps were made larger, but no attempt was made to fill out the mould. The more modern coins are perfect all over, the ornamental part covering the rim as well as the faces. Some of the medals that have been coined to commemorate various events are the most beautiful specimens of die cutting. There is naturally more scope for the artist to produce a design on a medal. Here is a beautiful medal struck in 1830 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Belgium. There is one of 1637. The subject is the seige of Breda in the Netherlands. Here is a double crown with the portrait of Ferdinand III. and his wife. The original value was $2; it is now worth $15."

"What are the chief coins of the United States that are worth more than their face value?"

"The silver dollar of 1794, with flowing hair, is worth $15. The silver dollar of 1804 is worth $200 to $300. The silver dollar of 1799 is worth $15. $20, and 1797, $10; of 1836 with milled largest price for in proportion to the first cost is a copper cent of 1794 in good order. By good order I mean the date distinct, not defaced by being worn in the pocket, and free from rust. For such a coin I would pay $20. There are other pieces worth more money, but they are so scarce that it is well nigh impossible to obtain them.

R.—What coins are worth more money?

Mr. B.—If you can find me a silver fifty-cent piece of 1804 I will give you your own price for it; for the very reason that I have a number of persons who would pay a large price for the purpose of completing a cabinet collection.

R.—Is there any truth in the statement that some coins are worth five hundred or a thousand dollars?

Mr. B.—In the old coin business, as in any other, there are rings for the purpose of controlling the interests of speculation. If those rings can bull the market to their advantage they will do so; but whether in their manipulations they have elevated the price to the figure you name I don't know. In the western part of the country coins are in demand which in this section have no value at all, and vice versa.

R.—Would you kindly give me the dates of coins for which there is a premium offered?

Mr. B.—1793, 1795, 1799, 1804, 1806, 1809, 1811, 1823, 1757 large, and 1856, small. These dates are for copper coins, and they all command a premium corresponding to the quality of the piece. In silver money a silver dollar previous to 1800 is worth from $5 up; a dollar of 1793 is worth $50.

R.—When was the first money coined?

Mr. B.—The first American money was the pine tree shilling, coined in 1652. For fifteen years they were all coined under the same date, so if a man has a pine tree shilling he don't know when it was made. There are a great many in this part of the country, so they are worth but about four or five dollars.

R.—Are there any tricks in the trade?

Mr. B.—Frauds! Yes. In the year 1815 there were no cents manufactured. It being just after the war of 1812, the Government had not settled down to business, and the mint made but very little money. Some persons ignorant of this, and anxious to make a collection, offer large sums for a coin of this date. This makes a demand and the demand calls for a supply; there have been cases where the coin or medal has been altered so as to almost defy detection. Again, the silver dollar of 1804 is sought after, and counterfeiters have succeeded in making a coin very similar to the original.

SHIPKEEPERS DISSATISFIED.

Perilous Service and Low Wages—Stories of Life on the River.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction and some talk of a strike among the regular shipkeepers or watchmen along the East River. They say that their pay has been reduced by one of the principal firms, Van Heesen & Bro., from $1.50 to $1.40 for each night watch. They complain that the reduction is unreasonable, and say that the charges for watching vessels have lately been increased by the firm. The firm is responsible for losses, but the men say that when anything is stolen from vessels in their charge, its value, or the amount paid for it, is deducted in small sums from their wages.

The duties of these watchmen are by no means light. They are constantly harassed by river thieves, whose dangerous enmity they are obliged to incur; so that they have not only to keep a close watch upon vessels, but also to look out for themselves. The position is as plenty of hardships and dangers.

"I tell you, sir," said an intelligent old watchman to a SUN reporter, "these river thieves are a bad set. Some of them would think no more of killing a man and throwing him overboard than most people would think of drowning a kitten. They are utterly reckless, and commit the boldest robberies. They always travel armed, but never fight except when cornered. They believe that a good race is better than a bad fight, and as they are mighty smart oarsmen, and have so many queer hiding places, they can easily get away. It is quite a common thing for them to come alongside a vessel and, with first-class tools made for the purpose, coolly go to work and strip the copper from her side. It is astonishing the damage they do to a vessel when they get a chance at her even for a short time. They have often actually stolen a whole suit of sails. When a ship has a valuable cargo, such as sugar or coffee, they manage to find out the watchman that is engaged before he goes on board and try to bribe him. They tell him that the mate is 'all right,' and all they want is the watchman to be 'all right too,' and then all hands can make a stake. In the same way the mates of vessels are told that the watchmen are all right. Of course there must be some rascals the watchmen and the [illegible] mates.

edge, $2. An original half dollar and quarter dollar of 1796 is worth $[illegible]; the Confederate States in 1861 is worth $[illegible]; the quarter dollar of 1796 is worth $1; of 1823 and 1827, $15; of 1853, 50 cents. The two cent pieces of 1877 and 1878 are worth $1.50 each. The dimes of 1796 are worth 50 cents; of 1797, 1798, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, and 1804 are worth $1 each. In some cases there have been different issues of the same coin in the same year. One issue may be a rarity, and the other issue may be plentiful. The only way to determine the value is to see what a piece will sell for. Of half dimes, an issue of 1794 is worth $1; of 1796, 1797, 1801, 1803, and 1805, $1 each. The most valuable half dime is of the issue of 1802, which is worth $12.75. Three-cent silver pieces from 1863 to 1868 are worth 25 cents each. Those of 1873 are worth 60 cents each."

"How about the famous liberty pennies?"

"There are many varieties, and their value varies from 10 cents to $10, according to the perfectness of the stamp. There are several kinds of the issue of 1793. One has long flowing hair, and the reverse has a chain with thirteen links. Another kind has a liberty cap and a wreath on the reverse. Another kind has a liberty cap and wreath of a different device. The rarest nickel penny is the issue of 1856, which is worth 50 cents. The newspapers made so much fun of the device that it was withdrawn from circulation very soon, and is now scarce. The most valuable half cent is the issue of 1796, which is worth $5. The half-cent issues of 1836, 1843, 1847, and 1852 are worth $2 each. The half-cent issues of 1831, 1841, 1844, and 1846 are worth $1 each. The half cents of 1840, 1842, 1845, and 1848 are worth $1.50 each."

"How about American gold pieces?"

"Many are worth more than their face. The $20 of 1849 is worth $50. All the $10 gold issues from 1795 to 1801 are at a premium of from 50 cents to $2. Most of the $5 gold pieces from 1795 to 1807 are at a premium of 25 cents to $1. The price varies according to the coining, with the large or small eagle used in the Mint in those years. One stamp of $5 gold coin of 1815 is worth $25. A $3 gold piece of 1875 is worth $4. Many of the quarter eagles are at a premium of 50 cents to $1. A $1 gold piece of 1875 sells for $2."

"What is the most valuable modern coin?"

"It is a Confederate States silver dollar, which is valued at $1,000. There were only a few of these coins struck. The Confederate government had the dies made, and a few coins were struck at the New Orleans Mint for the inspection of the Confederate officials. They found, however, that they had no silver, and no more were coined. Jeff Davis says that he had one of these coins on his person when he was captured, but some one took possession of it—he does not know who. Possibly it may be in circulation yet as a genuine coin of the United States. One side of the coin was in fact made with a regular die used at New Orleans Mint to strike off United States silver dollars. The other side was specially devised for the purpose. The legend reads: 'Confederate States of America.' There is a shield, with bars and seven stars, surmounted by a liberty cap. The shield is enclosed by a wreath composed of cotton and sugar stalks."

"If this is worth $1,000, it would pay better to counterfeit it than a genuine coin?"

"No; a counterfeit would be easily detected."

"Then as a matter of fact one of the most recent coins is worth very much more than the oldest coins you have?"

"Yes; here is a Cromwell shilling that is only worth 1c. Here is an Alfred the Great shilling which is worth only $10, though it is 8,000 years old. Here is one about 500 years older, worth $15."

"How about political coins?"

"There are some very curious ones that are celebrated, like the English coin that gave rise to the couplet, 'Cooing and billing like William and Mary on a shilling.' The most celebrated in the history of American coin is the series that was issued to signalize the opposition to and support of the United States Bank in Jackson's time. Both the friends and opponents of Andrew Jackson issued coins, and some of the devices and inscriptions were very funny. Similar coins were issued in Van Buren's time. All these things are valuable in forming an estimate of the height of political feeling at that time."

"What are the most valuable collections in New York?"

"The Numismatic Society has a very large collection, which is kept very close. A number of members have collections of value.

Coin collectors are not necessarily wealthy men. Many are clerks or schoolboys whose spare change is constantly devoted to this object. There is one man well known in New York as a collector of gold, who is said to have at least $60,000 worth. Yet, if you were to see him in the street you might ask him to move your ash barrel if you wanted to hire a man for that purpose. Among the chief collectors of New York city besides those of Prof. Anthon and the Numismatic Society are those of Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, A. C. Zabriskie, C. F. Bushnell, and L. C. Stuart. Among the noteworthy out-of-town collections are those of J. G. Parmlee and W. S. Appleton of Boston; F. H. James, Lancaster, N. Y.; George W. Parsons, Cleveland, Ohio; A. Dohrmann, San Francisco.

Some very interesting information on this subject, in addition to that given above, is to be found in last Thursday's issue of the *Essex Statesman*, one of the very best weekly papers of Massachusetts, published at Marblehead, under the able editorship of the Hon. Charles H. Litchman. The *Statesman's* information is in the shape of an interview, which runs thus:

R.—How do you find traffic this morning, Mr. Bartlett?

Mr. Bartlett—The thing that I would say the

the cargo is [illegible] regular coppers, or fellows who understand the trade, and work with the gang. They get down into the hold of the ship and immediately get to business. The tops of the barrels are skilfully removed; each barrel is made to contribute some sugar; and at the end of the operation the tops are carefully put in again, and no trace is left of the robbery, although a boat load, and frequently two boat loads, of sugar have been carried away. It is the same with coffee. The bags are opened, and a little taken out of each bag. This is the way they work when they have an understanding with the mate and watchman, whose interest it is to conceal the robbery; but when they are doing the thing on their own hook, of course they are not so particular—they simply break open a few barrels, pitch in, and get away as rapidly as possible. These fellows know, of course, where to sell their merchandise.

"About four or five years ago a gang of river thieves used to live under a broken old wharf at the foot of Gouverneur street, and nobody knows the number of ways they had to get in and out of their residence. The place was planked a little over high water mark, and they took good care to make themselves comfortable. They used to sleep and eat there, and at night one of their boats might be seen darting out from the spiles and gliding off with no more noise than a shark makes in the wake of a vessel. That dock was a mighty unhealthy place for strangers. Of course I don't mean to say that anybody was ever murdered there, but I have a hint or a suspicion that many a poor fellow who was laid out somewhere else got thrown off that dock. We find too many dead bodies in the water, especially in the summer time. They can't be all cases of accidental drowning. Very likely the police knew of that gang under the old dock; but what the police do? They might as well try to catch dock rats.

"When river thieves are pursued on water and are getting overhauled—a thing that seldom happens when a rowboat is chasing them—or when they catch sight of the police steamboat and are in danger of being captured, they make for the shore. The boat always belongs to some fellow in the gang who outwardly follows an honest living, and he always knows just where to find her, because the thieves never let a boat go adrift. To make her fast is the work of a second. When any of the booty is left in the boat, the owner of her innocently complains next day that his boat was stolen, and afterward he pretends to make the discovery that he was used to carry off stolen goods. Then he wants to know how he could help that, laments the loss of time in looking for his boat, and tells the police that if they would mind their business better and keep away from grain elevators, his boat would not be stolen by the river thieves. I tell you these fellows are cute; they cover their tracks well, and they have cheek enough to carry them through anything. No doubt some of them get caught, some get killed, and you will be surprised when I tell you that some of them get rich—yes, sir, [illegible] are bald drinkers, and when they are not stealing or prowling about they are gambling among each other. You never find one of them without an old pack of cards in his pocket and a bottle of whiskey in another. Sometimes the whiskey is drugged for a green watchman.

"It will be a bad business if the watchmen strike, for then the thieves will have both free trade and protection."

A reporter called at the office of Van Hoesen & Bro., in South street, and was told that the firm had no apprehension of a strike among the shipkeepers, although there had been some grumbling over the reduction of their pay. The firm had to reduce expenses, owing to their great responsibility and increased losses. If the watchman they send to a vessel turns out to be a thief, or is knocked overboard, they have to take the consequences and pay for the stolen property, so the cause of their charges for watching has been in operation for some months, and has reference to steamers only. It was really more of a transfer than an increase, for it wiped away their former separate charges for watching cargoes. Their losses are due to the operations of the river thieves. They say that the North and East Rivers are swarming with river thieves, who have so many loopholes of escape that it is extremely difficult to catch and convict them.

Financial.

NEW YORK, ONTARIO, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, 20 Nassau st., New York, Feb. 4, 1881.

The stockholders of this company of record at the close of business Feb. 15, 1881, will be entitled to the privilege of subscribing to the capital stock of the North River Construction Company, at the rate of one share of said stock for each ten shares of the stock of this company. A circular, stating terms of subscription and containing full information on the subject, may be obtained on application at the transfer office of this company, and are mailed to stockholders whose addresses are known.

JOHN L. NISBET, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for 13 Directors of the Sixth Av. Railroad Co. will be held at the depot (6th av., corner 43d st.) on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 12 to 1 o'clock. HENRY S. MOORE, Secretary.

Real Estate.

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These Letters &c
are Enquiries relating to
the value of Coins &c –

Dear — I had the
pleasure of seeing you
about the Crime —
yesterday!
Constantine I expected you
would have some difficulty in
finding a copy of the Times, so I
present you one.
Sincerely Yours —

Hilton N J March 1880

Dear Sir

having seen an account given in the New york Sun of Numismatic Curiosities of witch it stated that you were President of. I look over the list. but failed to gain the information that I wanted. in regard to a piece. I have witch is a Spanish pistaseen the date of it is. 1721. Hispaniarum Rex. on one side on the other Philippus V. D. G. and other hieroglyphs. all of witch can be seen very plainly
if this is of any value you would oblige me by letting me know as I want to sell it if it is worth any thing. as I could

not see any number or Street
in the account that ~~of~~
was in the sun where to
find the place. I take this
method. to see if I ~~can~~ can
by this. ~~find~~ Yours Truly

J. C. Stewart
Hilton ~~[illegible]~~
Essex Co. N. J.

Wm Reinstras Store
Adams Co Miss
Apl 7th 1880

Prof. Anthon
N. Y. City. N. Y.

Dear Sir

Having learned incidentally that you were in position as Pres- of the N. Y. Numismatic Society of N. Y. to give reliable information in regard to such of the coinage of the U. S. as are in demand & of the amount premium of such coins. Possibly your society have a printed list of coins wanted if so & not asking too great a favor could you furnish me with one, all so with the address of Dealers in coins, or of any Journal published in the interests of coin collectors. I am traveling & trading throughout the Southern & Western States & have had several valuable coins, not knowing their worth I let

others have there. if you can assist me in this matter I may be enabled to return the kindness.

I have the honor to be yours truly

Address

Geo. S. Black

Baton Rouge

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[illegible] years [illegible]

I am a native of Connecticut, it is [illegible] quite [illegible]

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equally divided my father, between the [illegible] States government [illegible]

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generally pronounced [illegible]

"Wisdom — U.S."

being a cousin's child, that

as power of [illegible]

[illegible] stated, where large clearings
had been made by burning the
timber & trees, when he shows
[illegible] what is at fire
[illegible] good wheat, but [illegible]
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Newton, Kansas, Feby 15th 1887

Prof. Anton Dear Sir

While reading the Globe Democrat of the 12th inst. I seen your name in the article on Numismatic Curiosities. as President of the N.Y. Society & having quite a collection My self I should like to have you send me a price list of Coins at a premium or let me know where I can buy one

Yours Res.
F. L. Bassett
Newton Kansas

OFFICE OF

County and Probate Clerk,

WHITE COUNTY

THOS. C. JONES, Clerk.

Searcy, Ark. Feby 16th 1881

Prof Auction
New York N.Y.

Sir

Having read an article in the St Louis Globe Democrat in which I saw that you were collecting valuable coin, valuable on account of their scarcity. I take the Liberty to write you in regard to one I have, which I will describe as near as I can. On the face is marked "Carolus III. Dei. Gratia. 1750." with Profile and Bust, and on the head appears to be some kind of a head dress. And on the opposite side, are "Hispan. Et Ind. Rex ME; 4 R. M. D. and a crown over, as near as I can copy. this  with a lion in each of the Two vacant spaces. if you want any thing like that write, and also please send me a list of such as you would like to get I may have an opportunity of finding some thing. as I see a great many pieces of descriptions and dates of every conceiv

ville kind.

Should you feel inclined to Honor me by writing, my address I would use due diligence in trying to collect anything that would be of value to you.

Dear Deputy Clerk under Mr Jones whose name you see at the head of this Epist.

Respectfully

C. S. Gray

N. B.

Tail coin is about the size of our United States Silver half dollar or perhaps larger and is Silver.

C. S. G.

Shady Grove
Florida

Shady Grove
Fla

Prof Mather

Dear Sir

I have a silver half dollar of the coinage of 1806 what is it worth if you want it a cash price sale for it write me what you will give for it

Yours M Mortimer
Shady Grove
Gaylor Co
Fla

Illawara P.O.
East Carroll

Illawara Post Office
East Carroll Parish, La.
Feb 14th 1883

Professor Author,
Pres't of Numismatic Society,
Dear Sir:

I understand that there is a Coin Collector's Journal published in your City, but do not know by whom. Being engaged in merchandising in this County, I have opportunities of taking in odd coins of whose value I am ignorant. These are principally obtained from negroes, formerly slaves, who hoarded them up before the war, and pass them out as their necessities require.

I would be obliged if you would send me any of your circulars, stating value of coins, or give me address of the parties publishing the journal referred to.

Respectfully
W. F. Chapline

Ottawa · Monroe county. Ohio. Feb. 18th 1881

Professor Anthon
President Numismatic
society of Newyork

Dear sir, I have a collection of copper coins which I wish to dispose of, a list of which showing date and condition of stamp I hand you herewith,
Please inform what the value of each Piece is.

1/2 cent	dated	1804.	Perfect
1 "	"	1803.	tolerably Plain
1 "	"	1797	fair
1 "	"	1807	Good.
1 "	"	1800	Good.
1 "	"	1818	Good.
1 "	"	1805	Good
1 "	"	1800	Good.
1 "	"	1797 or 1807	not Plain
1 "	"	1803	— not Plain
1 "	"	1793 or 1798	not Plain
1 "	"	1806	— not Plain
1 "	apparently.	1793	— Not Plain
1 "	"	1757	supposed. but not Plain

Your early reply will be taken as a favor.

Respectfully
A. C. Kotzebue

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Doaksville, I. T. 2/17 1881

Prof. Anthon

Pres'd N.Y. Numismatic Society

Dear Sir

I have a coin bearing the date of 1786. It is a Spanish coin on 1 side is the Bust of a man surrounded with the following Carlos. III 1786. on the other is a shield between two Columns over the shield a Crown the whole surrounded by the following, Hispan: Et. Ind. Rex & something else of which I cant make out. Most of the Coin is in a splendid state of preservation the portions that are not seemes to have been eaten away by Salt water, I also have an U S half dol of 1827 in excelent fix every letter figure &c as plain as if made yesterday also a qrt dol of 1831 also a Spanish piece of 1820 every thing on it perfectly plain please let me know what each is worth yours truly

A. Hopping

Lockport N.Y.
February 21, 1851.

To the Lunatic Society
New York City.

Gentlemen,

I have an ancient
Coin in my possession
made of Copper, bearing a
Roman head upon the obverse
facing to the right - with
short hair tied with
ribbon leaving around the
head the following letters
are distinct "Mercol Octavian
Pius," and there is a coin
"arg" and some characters
which I cannot read.

on the Roman mint and
the coin is stamped
with minting.

upon the reverse side
is only "Pudicitia Augusta"
and the figure is that
of a female standing
erect, pointing with her
right hand — the space
of her face and chest
is a distance the
letters "S. C." are one on
each side of the figure.

I imagine that it is
a coin of Marcus Aurelius
Antoninus, some suppose
Antoninus Pius and the
other, a Greek coin

give me any information concerning it and its possible value.

I have examined all the papers you sent me that I can find & have also written to Mr. J. B.

Very truly Yours
E. N. Robinson
Atty at Law.

Colchester Feb 21st 1881

Mr [illegible]. In perusing a late paper. I find there are some Societys that are buying coins of ancient date. I have in my possession two silver dollars. well perserved dated 1798 & 1799. a copper 1/2 penny, date 1807 all American coins. please inform me where I can sell to the best advantage & oblige me

Mrs Laura E. Avery
Colchester
Conn

Grover P.O. Ind.
Feb. 21 1911.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find impression of a thin, silver coin which was plowed up here last spring on the site of an old Indian village. I don't know anything much about it, but imagine it to be an old French franc, or it may be, an old English coin. The profile upon it looks very much like the portraits of Louis XIV of France. Will send the coin to you for inspection per mail should you think it of any value. It is for sale. ~~each of~~ There are three lilies in the

right lower and left upper corner of the coat of arms, and in the other corners, three lions rampant. Two or three letters in two or three different places can be made out, but the shows indications of having been considerably lipped and I can make out not words distinctly, though I sometimes think France & Rob. VI may be two or three of them.

Very truly yours

W. J. Bowen

Fairview Academy

Groves P.O. Ind.

Fayette Co.

823, Washington Avenue
Saint Louis, Mo
February 22nd 1881

Professor. Anthon,

I write to ask you about some old coins that are in my possession, that I would like to dispose of to your Society.

I have a Silver half dollar of 1804.
a silver dime of 1833, one of 1865,
half dime of silver 1831,

All are in a good state of preservation.
please inform me of what they are worth,
at your earliest convenience

Respectfully Yours
Mrs. Olivia. Turner

Professor, Anthon
Numismatic. Society.
New York

FRANK A. KELLY,

Attorney at Law,

New Lexington, Ohio, Feby 27th 1881

Prof Anton

Dear Sir

I have some coins of the U.S. & other Countries and am desirous of disposing of them but not knowing their value, if any, I would be greatly obliged if you could furnish me with a catalogue & price list of Coins that are at a premium & I will correspond further with you should I find that I have any such as you wish to purchase

Yours

Frank A. Kelly

[illegible]

[illegible] Square

New York

Please send me a list of the United States coin that is worth more than their face value

Very truly

W. Morrow

Salatia

[illegible]

[illegible]

New York

Dear Sir

I have quite a number of Old Coin collectors here, send me a list of the United States Coin [illegible] than [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

CAPE COUNTY MILLS
—AND—
JACKSON STAVE & HEADING
FACTORY.

UZ. McGUIRE, Manager.

JACKSON, Mo. Jan. 1st 1881

To the Numismatical Society
New York City

Would you
be kind enough to give me the name
of some reliable party who wants rare
old coins. I have some and
can get more which I am willing
to dispose of. I would like the
address of some reliable party,
the date ~~&~~ and discription of
coin wanted and the price paid
and how to be sent &c. & oblige

Yours truly
L. H. Guenther

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DOLBEAR & WOODS,

—DEALERS IN—

GRAIN & SEEDS.

OFFICE AT DEPOT.

Marysville, Union Co., Feb 7th 188

Prof Ulrich Pres
Numismatic Society
New York

What is the
Silver Dollar of 1794 worth?
" '94 " " 1853 " and
the silver 2¢ piece of 1852 & 1853
& 1853. What is the silver Dollar
of 1804 worth

Respectfully
S. W. Dolbear

Clarks Corner

Conn.

[illegible] Conn Feb [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

In any information an
regard to the dates of old
[illegible] a [illegible]
coined them in [illegible] 1794
a silver dollar of 1794.
[illegible] silver [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
Some half cents of [illegible] dates
some coins of Jackson's and
Lincoln's time and other
including a number
[illegible] have [illegible]
published in our Jackson [illegible]
[illegible] will send [illegible]
if you [illegible] Yours [illegible]

Roscoe O. Feby. 24th. 81

Prof. Anthon
N.Y. City

Sir

I saw your name in "The N.Y. Sun" as "President of Numismatic Society N.Y." and desire very much a reliable Price List of old Coins. have taken the liberty of addressing you (which please excuse as I have no other source) and if your Society issues any price list would be pleased to receive a copy

Your Respectfully
C.M. Ferguson

[illegible]

[illegible] Portland, Me. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Will you please [illegible]

[illegible] list of

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Portland

[illegible]

[illegible]

24th Feby 1881
St Louis
Mo

Professor Anton
President Numismatic Society
Dear Sir:

Having read in the papers that a silver half Dollar of 1817 is a great relic & hearing of you as a numismatist I should like to know the value of one of that date. Should you wish to become the purchaser please address

H. H. Hitchcock
St Louis
Mo

Madison, Ind. May 24 1881

Prof Anton
New York City
Dear Sir

Is the Quarter Dollar of 1853 of Issue like inclosed Sample of any value more than its face and if so how much?

Will you please send me a copy of the "Coin Collectors Journal" or inform me How I can procure one

and much oblige

Yours Truly

John. N. Mayer

Madison Ind

South Charleston Ohio Feby 23th 1891

Dr Sir. President Numismatic Society New York City

Dear Sir

If you will please inform me by return mail where I can get a copy of the Coin Collectors Journal for your society.

I have a collection of old Spanish and foreign coin, some of the pieces are very rare and well preserved. I have been 25 or 30 years gathering up these pieces, and have never disposed of any of them.

Very Respectfully
C. T. Reeder

J. M. SHARPE, *Pres't.* CHAS. RICH, *Sup't.* W. K. MILLER, *Sec'y.*

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LUMBER DEPARTMENT,

MANUFACTURERS OF

FRAMES, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS,

And all kinds of ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER.

Nashville, Tenn. Feby 25th 188[illegible]

Prof. Arthur,
Pres. Numis. Society
N. Y.

Dear Sir: I have quite a collection of old American and English coins both gold and Silver and am desirous of selling them. If you have a catalogue or list of coins purchased by your Society or wise make me a list of such as command a premium I will be

J. M. SHARPE, *Pres't.* CHAS. RICH, *Supt.* W. K. MILLER, *Sec'y.*

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LUMBER DEPARTMENT,

MANUFACTURERS OF

FRAMES, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS,

And all kinds of ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER,

Nashville, Tenn., ..., 18

under obligations for either if sent me.

I am in a position incidental to which is the handling of considerable coin.

Respectfully

D. W. Gillens,

#308 Main St.

Nashville

Tenn

Norwich Conn Feb 26th 1881

Mr Anthon

Dear Sir

Having
seen an article in a Norwich
paper called Cooley's Weekly of Feb 19th 1881
relating old coins, I have take the
liberty to address you on the subject
I would state that I have a number
of old copper coins, which I have had for
a number of years. I have one coin
date very plain, 1787 with the word Fugio
& the sun shining upon an object, should
think it a wreath, also the words mind
your business; on the other side are
the 13 links, round, linked together
in it a small circle & the words, we
are one, in a good state of preservation
Also another, Date 1794. Goddess of liberty
holding a staff with a liberty cap upon it.
with the words liberty & commerce.

on the reverse side is a ship, & the words Talbot & Allum & Lee. New York.
one cent, also two half cent pieces
one of these Dated 1803. & the word liberty.
beneath is a bust of some person. the other
half cent is Dated 1829. I have a
number of others, that are still more
ancient; but will not stop to describe
them now. I would like to know if
you would like to purchase them
& also what you would be willing to
give for these that I have mentioned,
as they are in a good state of preservation
Will you please state your terms &
how I could send them.

Respectfully

W. H. Waterman

Address Newington Conn

Hartford Co.

Windsorrough Douglas Co, Ills 2/20.01

Prof. Anton N.Y.

Dear Sir I have some old coins of some value to collectors for which send me terms also dates and prices of rare silver coins I have

2,50¢ pieces of 1853 and 1859
2,25¢ " " 1853 and 1854
1,10¢ " " 1862
2,50¢ " " 1837 and 1857
3,35¢ " " 1852 1853 and 1854 with a (@) C with three III inside, also a foreign coin of 1825 Wilhelm Kon. V, Wurttemburg one side Scheid. balance abbreviated coin seems to be part copper 5c of 87 has 2 holes not much worn 5¢ one hole but little worn You will confer a

favor by sending me a copy of Coin Collectors Journal of your city or their Address as I may want to subscribe as I think I can furnish parties some old coin at different times. Please send me prices and instructions how to send what I have on hand.

Respectfully

Jennings Wheatly

Wheeling West Va.
feb 28, 1881

Sir

Would you please Send Me a List of Old coin and of wath they are worth i Seen a peice in the Wheeling Sunday Leader that was copy of the New York Sun of a Sale of Old coin and Some of the Old Copper cents fetch a good Sum of money Some $20 dollars to ~~a~~ $50 Dollers and so on and the Eagle cents All so Sold good i Have a Lot of Rare Old Copper cents and Eagle cents of the year of 1857 and 1858 ~~dy~~ and Half dollers of 1809 Copper cents are of the year of ~~1854~~

1817. 1820. 1832. 1847. 1849.
1836. 1848 1850
1851
1853
10cts peice. 1835 1854.
1856

C

and a Political Coin Struck in the year 1834 it Now as the Rest Hoping this Can

there is a Hoge on one Side and a man Head on the Other
and as i have Some of the Same
years that Both good Prices
i would Like to Sell them as they
are all good and the date of the
years on all perfect and good
as if Never used

Adress Mr William Baum
Wheeling West Va
Alley E. 2349

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Starkville, Miss., Febry 28 1881

Prof Anthon
New York

Dear Sir

Will you furnish a list of coins - dates - etc for which you or the "Numismatic" Society will pay premium to obtain and giving the separate value of each coin I wish particularly to know with reference to American Coins of 25¢ - 50¢ and $1.00 and all gold coins what will you pay for Silver quarters coined in 1853

I am referred to you for the above information

Respty yr
A. H. Davis

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have
[illegible]
a premium [illegible] U. S. [illegible]

[illegible] of the same [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] as
[illegible]

Dear Mr. Crosby

Numismatic Society;

[illegible]

[illegible] a quarter of a dollar of the
date of [illegible] of 1841 & have half dollars
and 1819. [illegible] the value of the coins and
1823 [illegible] do you purchase them. Please
1824 [illegible] answer, and oblige.
1826
1830 Very Respectfully Yours.
1833 [illegible]
1834
1839 [illegible]
1823
also a half [illegible] 1804

Star City Ind.
March. 3d. 1881

Numismatic Society Prof. Anton. Ress.

Sirs. having seen a notice in the ~~Indianapolis~~ Cincinnati Gazette that you were buying old coins we we herewith send you the dates of some that we have in our possession we have of foreign coins it follows one Spanish 25¢ piece of the date 1799 the inscription on one side reads Carolus .IIII. Dei Gratia. on the other side it reads . Hispan. Et. Ind. Rex. in. R. F. M. it has the head of Carolus on one side and the Spanish arms on the other we have one of the coins of the reign of George the third it copper and of the date of 1768 the inscription on one side is Georgius III. Dei Gratia on the other is In Memory of the good old Days it has the head of George the III. on the other the English flag in the shape of a heart surmounted by a Crown. we have a coin of Spain of the date of 1810 silver 25¢ we have of the coins of the United States ~~any other~~ ranging in dates from 1800. up to the present time there are silver coins we have no old copper coins we have two small silver coins of Spain that usualy pass for ten cents one of them is of the date of 1746. the other I cannot make out perfectly but think it is 1798 Now if you think ~~them~~ are worth buying please let us know by return mail adress M. C. Phillips Star City Ind. Pulaski County

Resp. M. C. Phillips

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Pickens, Miss. Nov 4th 188

President of the Numismatic Soc.

N.

I have a small collection of coins. I wish to dispose of them. If so please let me know what the coins with their respective values or the name of some reliable dealer with whom I could trade that is near

Cumberland Presbyterian.
Sunday School Quarterly.
Sabbath School Gem.

OFFICE OF THE

Lesson-Leaf.
Our Lambs.
All Books of the Church.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE,

PRINTERS' ALLEY, NORTH OF UNION STREET.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 188/

Dear Sir:

I am a small collector of rare coins, and am desirous of adding to them. But my information as to what are rare coins — those in which a man is placed — is decidedly limited so I write to you for information. If you can send me a list of such coins — full or a pamphlet on the subject you will place me under obligations.

Very truly
Chas. [illegible]

National Military Home
Montgomery Co. Ohio
March 9th 1881

Mr Numismatic Society
New York City

Sir

I have a fine lot of old coins, coming in hand. I have the best of facilities here to collect old Coins, Medals and numerous other curiosities. If you will be kind enough to send me an illustrated work descriptive of old Coins and to whom you are paying. It is possible I might obtain for in becoming an addition to your valuable collection.

Gentlemen, hoping to hear from you I have the honor to be most respectfully your obedient servant

[illegible]

Dear Sir

Once of the Coins in my possession I should be very glad to have your opinion. Description of them "Republica Del Peru South America" Three, (10" 20 pr) 1826, valen. On opposite side is "Mountain range with rising sun in right hand of old fool, morning sun. Size of Mexican Dollar. I have also Spanish Dol 1797 Spanish Shilling 1777, and U.S. half dol & dollar old coins. Young head head left etc. Franklin Quarter Dime half dime. 2 cent silver piece copper & nickel cents all in fine good to fair condition. Very respectfully

Thomas E. Clark

Wm. Lee Hancock

Penn

[illegible] 15 [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I have the following pieces

[illegible] Pieces [illegible]

[illegible]	Dollars		Quarter Dollars		[illegible]		
	[illegible]		1	1806	1	[illegible]	
1	1814		1	1807	[illegible]	[illegible]	
1	1815		1	1861	1	[illegible]	
	1817		2	1834	1	1833	
	[illegible]		1	[illegible]		[illegible]	
1	1820		3	1836	7 Pieces		
2	1821		9 Pieces	all good	all good		
2	1822						
1	1823		Dimes				
1	1824		1	1798			
1	1825		1	[illegible]			
[illegible]	1826		1	1807			
[illegible]	1829		2	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]		1	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]		1	[illegible]			
7	1832		1	[illegible]			
4	1833		1	[illegible]			
4	1834 Stars & Smell	Smell Sets	[illegible]	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]		2	[illegible]			
12	1 Miller 1836 Adyc		1	[illegible]			
1	1837		1	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]			
2	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]			
69 Pieces			31 Pieces				
all fine							
[illegible] good 7			all good 2				
extra fine			fine				

7	Dollars 6 Specimens	700
12	½ Dollar 9 d.	600
18	¼ d. 15 d.	450
32	Dimes 10 d.	320
[illegible]	[illegible] 16 d.	[illegible]
87		[illegible]

American Specimens

67	[illegible] Dollars	5450
[illegible]	Eagles	[illegible]
29	[illegible]	[illegible]
7	[illegible]	55
201	[illegible]	6360

[illegible] you wish to purchase please let me know [illegible] you-

[illegible]

[illegible] H Morse
North East
Erie Co
Pa

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NORWICH, CONN.

Nov 7/81

Numismatic & Archeological Association
Kelly & Cady

Gentlemen -

I noticed an article in the March 27 number of the Congregationalist in reference to the "Obelisk in Memory of the Pioneers" long named "Society" having struck off some medals in commemoration, and distributing to schools &c.

Although only an amateur at the business, still I have a few fine medals coins &c and if there is a chance of obtaining one of the above mentioned would be pleased to receive information concerning them, the expense &c, that I could promptly remit & obtain the "much coveted Medal" for my ~~collection~~ addition to my collection, not for sale purposes.

Any information concerning the medal will be gratefully appreciated by

Yours truly

Ernest Dearden

Ack

Orion Ill. 31

Mr. Chuchen

Dear Sir: If you wish to buy my Coins either old or new I have a number of different date. All in good condition, Liberty head, dol. 122, 123, 1832, 1831 & 1833 - 1700 & 01 Eagle cents & 1856 & 1857 cent 1856 gold silver pieces from 1853 & 75 Please to send me Circular if you have one & oblige Yours very truly

Francis Dillwell M.D.

Orion Clark Co

Ill 60

OFFICE OF

KANSAS GRANITE AND MARBLE CO.,

Monumental and Building Works,

ERNEST A. BEEBE, - PROPRIETOR.

In reply to yours of the

Fine Granite Polishing a Specialty

Wyandotte, Kas., March 8 1881

Prof. Anthon

Dear Sir.

I have some rare copper coins in my collections, which I would dispose of - providing I can get their value.

Could you oblige me by naming some dates of Coppers that are particularly wanted?

Looking to receive from you

Until I remain Yours

Ernest A. Beebe

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

W. H. RICHARDSON,
DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
Washington County, Minnesota.

Stillwater, Minn. Nov 10 1881

Geo. Sutton

Dear Sir

sometime ago I saw a piece in the N.Y. Sun in regard to rare date & noted that the 25¢ piece 1853 was worth 50¢. I would like to know if that is so. I have several little indexed sample. I would like to know the name & what I can get for coins pr.

Very Resp
W H Richardson

Warsaw Illinois March 10 '81

Numismatic Archaeological Society

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a Roman coin. I would like to know if it has any value. as you may keep it and sen. if it is worth

Respectfully

L. Meyers

address

Louis Meyers

Warsaw

Hancock county Illinois

P. O. Box 195

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Walla Walla, W. T., Mar 13 1881

Sir

What is an American half dollar of 1805 worth? The piece is in very good order, the legend "Fifty cents or half a dollar," being very distinct on the edge, the head and date very plain, the spread eagle ~~and~~ stars and cloud above the eagle being the most worn of all, and yet they are quite distinc.

Respectfully

P. B. Johnson

Prof. Anton

Prest. Numismatic Soc'y

New York city

217 E 18th St
New York Mar 14/81

Prof. Anthon
Dear Sir:

During the month of January, the Sun published an article, stating the value of rare foreign & domestic coins & medals.

It stated that the silver quarters of 1853 were worth fifty cents each, if so I have from ten to fifteen in a good condition. If they are in a demand, you can have them

at the market value, by
sending me the enclosed
postal

Very Respectfully,

E. C. Dissoway

Connellsville Pa

Prof. Mathew Curt.
Numismatic Society
New York

Dear Sir:

Inclosed a statement in the New York Sun in regard to the value of different Coins of the United States. Among the number mentioned was an English half dollar of 1817, valued at $7.00 ea. I have a coin of that date I have taken an imperfect impression of it and enclose it to you. Should it be the one sought after, I will sell it, if not, I will return it.

Now, if you would send me a
description of the coin.

Yours truly

S. McFoust

Lincoln.

March 14th 1881.

Prof. Anthon,

Sir,

I have an old coin of 1722, marked on one side "I G B R G. B. F. D. & F." & read; On the other, 1722, & by one of a woman's inscription seems to be "Britannia". Can you give any account of it; It appears to be copper, about the size of an american quarter. Is it of any value? By answering this you will much oblige,

Yours respectfully,

[illegible] Hereford

[illegible]

[illegible]

London. March. 5th 1881.

Prof. Anthon.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly give me some of the dates of valuable American copper coins. I have a large collection, from the time they were first coined (1794) up to present date. Also some old English coins and the Pine-tree shilling.

Are the copper coins circulated in America, in the years of 1745 and 1775 of much value? and the Half-cents of 1851?

If you have a printed list and their relative value, will you inform me if I can procure one?

Can you tell me where I can obtain a market for the above coins?

Bethel Vermont

Enon Ohio 3/16-81

Prof Auston

Dear Sir: I wrote you some time ago about some Coins I have for sale. Please state what you will give for the following delivered in good Condition or whether you are buying coins: if not where I can sell them.

1/2 eagle 173. 127. & 136. Liberty Head N. S.
1/4 eagle 1806. 1853 N. S.
Dimes from 1870 to 1840
1/2 Ct of 1803 N. S. 1/2 ct 1836 to 1840
30 silver pieces from 61 to 67. N. S.
These with others.

Please to answer

your earliest convenience & oblige

Truly

Francis Luckwell
Enon Clark Co Ohio

[illegible]

[illegible]

March 17/81

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

States of [illegible] de [illegible] 1800, 1794, 1797
1799, 1795, 1797) one Gold Piece 1797, has this inscription
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dallas Tex. Mch 22 1881

Prof Anthon

Dear Sir

A short time since I noticed in some daily paper pub in St Louis that you were President of a society that were engaged in gathering & collecting of old coins &c I now write to ask you if you will kindly give me a list of the coins you desire naming the denominations & date required also the highest price you will pay for each I have some on hand & can get more & would like to see if what value mine are the piece published I refered to above stated that the quarters of 1853 were worth 50¢ each

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain Yours

Respectfully

Daniel Head

Prof Charles E. Groh
Dear Sir

I saw an article in the Pal
[illegible] headed [illegible]
I wrote to the Editor [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Pay [illegible] Book Stuff if you wish to

[illegible]

[illegible] you could see them

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I am disposed to think it should not be [illegible]
I may answer [illegible] obliged Yours very respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible] Exchange
[illegible] 3rd floor

Attached to

Bangla Mill Wickent
Box Anthony

Co Yorks

My Lie

I did an intimate in
with her home in Rome Sugh Hudson
But you can't [illegible]
If you will please convey the
particulars we request to —
Immediately thereafter it must
[illegible] why and what they
are [illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible] get over all the light
you can on the subject it has
been thinking it could get you
of this [illegible] if it [illegible]
So, let me hear from you —
Yours will you be [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

W. S. Gunby, President. | R. F. Dunn, Cashier.

Chillicothe Savings Association.

Established 1881.

Chillicothe, Mo. Mar 15 1881.

Prof Anton
New York,
Dear Sir,
I have a few U S silver coin for sale, dollars of 1795 & 1796, half dollars of 1795 & 1817, what are they worth?
Can you furnish a list of coin for which a premium is paid?
Yours respy
R. F. D.

Fayetteville Ala
Tallacuga Co
March 31 - 81

Prof Anthon
New York

Dear Sir

I see by recent issue (March 9) of the Sun - that you are President of the Numismatic Society of N York.

I hope you will pardon the liberty that a stranger takes in addressing you for some information in this subject - not knowing any one else to apply to -

I have been collecting some coins recently & in the lot is quite a number of 25 cent pieces of 1853 quoted in the Sun at

50¢ Each. I have reason to
believe that I could collect some
valuable coins if I knew
who to send them to & what
their value. Will you kindly
advise me who to address
& send me & have sent me
some papers & quotations on
this subject. If you are
interested in this subject I
may be of some benefit to you.
Hoping to hear from you
I remain Yours Truly
J. W. Mains

Lynn, Mass. Dec. 31

Dear Sir —

I have the honor to enclose the following list of coins that I have, which are for sale at the prices annexed to each.

1837. 1833. 1830. 1829. 1831. 1820. 1814. 1834. 1835. 1827. 1826. 1836. 1834.

Half Dollars: 1809. 1790. 1795. 1817.

1836. 1837. 1835. 1833.

Of some of these I have more than one.

Of Copper Coins I have: One Copper cent 1797. 1794. Banks Nova Scotia 1794. Half cents 1802. 1811. the Small Pennies & Hibbert Copper Coins. Also Spanish & Mexican Silver 5-franc pieces.

Yours Truly &c.

H. A. Merritt

Jefferson City Mo.
April 2 1908

Prof. Norton:
Sir

I have in collection a number of coins of the following dates and denominations Half dime of 1832
Dime 1832;
" 1835
" 1836.
" 1837.
Half Dollar of 1839. With the words "Fifty Cents or Half a Dollar" on the edge of the coin. The dime of 1837 is quite a curiosity, rare and which has caused me to write this letter to you. It is as perfect as of last coined. I believe you will

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Prof. [illegible], [illegible]

Society of New York

Dr.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Canton Ohio
April 6th 1891

Prof Norton

Sir

I have
some 25 cts pieces of the
date of 1853 unpaid & I
mailed in an Eastern paper
worth 50 cts. Do you
need any if not do you
know who does. Please
send me a specimen
copy of the coin collectors
journal published in
your city

Yours
John W. Walters
Canton Ohio
with C. & Co
Canton

At Quinnipiac

[illegible]

[illegible]

Burlington, Vt.,
April [illegible]

Prof. Fuller,
[illegible]

Dear Sir:

I have a few 25¢ silver U.S. pieces of date of [illegible] (eighteen hundred [illegible] and) would like to sell them [illegible] price?

Please let me hear from you [illegible] immediately.

Very Resp'y
[illegible]

Burlington
[illegible]

Vt.

Mr Anthony

[illegible] give for them. if you do not want them. could you [illegible] cent 1794. one side is defaced the other with date shows the head with flowing [illegible] date 1[illegible]. next ½ dol marked [illegible] one side [illegible] hand a cap with flowing hair date 1814. next ½ cent in good order date 1832. next ½ cent good order 1849. next 10ct peice silver 1850. good order. 5ct peice silver 1851. in good order. silver quarter 1858. in good order the silver ½ dol is in good order. next penny with Eagle 1857 [illegible] the [illegible] with Eagle 1857. silver [illegible] 1863. good order, [illegible] dol [illegible] a certain peice of silver dol [illegible] Eagle with [illegible] date 1[illegible]. 1803. 20D. 00 [illegible] silver. ½ [illegible] peice of [illegible] Victorias picture on the other with date 1856. next ½ [illegible] date [illegible] 1[illegible], the other side [illegible] coat of arms date 1852 not very good order next Bank token one penny crown and coat of arms other side [illegible] Copper Canada [illegible] date 1[illegible] [illegible] coat of arms date 1852 not very good order next Bank token one penny crown and coat of arms other side [illegible] Copper Canada [illegible] date 1[illegible] [illegible] if you [illegible]

[illegible] Doylestown Bucks Co Pa

Mrs Hallowell

W. C. TROY.

Commercial Grocer,

AND PROPRIETOR OF

MERCHANT FLOUR AND CORN MILLS.

Office No. 20 Bow Street.

Somerville, N. H. Apl 9 1891

Gentlemen

A friend of mine has an English Coin that we pass for 6¼ cents old times dated 1781

and

an old copper piece bright & good condition on falling on one side has a man head & "Georgius III R.E.X."

the other side a female figure "Britan VI 1785" what are they worth?

Yours

W C Troy

Baltimore April 12th 1881

Prof Anthon

Sir

Having read an article in the New York Sun which appeared sometime since in regard to coins, and your name mentioned in the article as President of the Numismatic Society, I have taken the liberty to write to you, which I hope you will pardon as a stranger. I have several coins which I would like to dispose of at the best price I can get for them, I would be very much obliged to you if you would give me any information on the subject. I could dispose of them to dealers in coins, as I have had several dealers to see them, one has

written me two postal's within of
of which I have replied to hoping
I could do better. Date of coins
are as follows $10 gold piece 1797,
in excellent condition $5 gold 1807,
I think we have had these gold
pieces in our possession nearly
50 years, 1839 silver dollar with the
eagle on the half wing perfectly
new never has circulated, silver
dollar 1799 in good condition, several
half dollars 1827, 1834, 1830, 1832,
1819, 1814. I beg to hear from
you at your earliest opportunity
by so doing you will

Oblige
Very Respectfully
Julia G. Pettman

Address
Miss Julia G. Pettman
28 North Grove Street

OFFICE OF

A. G. YOUNGBLOOD,

DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Winter Seat, S. C. April 2 188

Professor Author.

Dear Sir -

I have my [illegible] in a silver dollar as described below -

Date 1795 - Inscribed [illegible] Liberty [illegible] Other side [illegible] M. S. R. H. M.

The Coin is worth anything [illegible] which is [illegible]

A G Youngblood
Winter Seat,
S. C.

April 23 1881

Gentlemen

Will you please send me a price list of United States coins that have a premium value

respectfully yours

H. V. Hadley M.D.
Shelburne
Hartford County Vermont

Rockford Illinois
Winnebago Co Apl 27/81

Prest
Numismatic Society
New York City

Dear Sir - I dislike to bore you, as I imagine you are continually with such applications as mine - but do not know where else to apply, for the information, would freely pay for = I would like a list of Coins - of some reliable dealer, or society that purchases them, something can depend upon, as giving the market value, principally of American Coins.

If you would spare time to write me address of such party, or parties, with cost of such list, that I can send for, will very much oblige

Yours truly
R. S. Norman

R.S.N. 1449

[illegible] pass direct [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

May 3rd 1[illegible]

Professor Anthony

Sir, seeing an advertisement of your name in the Numismatic Society of New York I write to inform you that I have in my possession a Silver Dollar [illegible] and wish to know the information that I can be in regard to it, where it was made and by whom. What will be the premium on it. Also the address of other societies

[illegible]

[illegible] paper.

[illegible]

Yours truly

[illegible]

Anthony's

Madison Co

N Y

Lewis & Clark H. C.
Langworthy's

[illegible]

Dear Sir

Please send me what
in 3 cl piece is worth, and a
[illegible]
on wish to purchase, I live
a Penny where a good deal of small
[illegible]

Respectfully yr
Thos. B. Sevier,
[illegible]
[illegible]

No value 3¢ piece

New York 26th August [illegible]

To the

American Numismatic Archaeological

Soc: No 64 Madison Ave

Most honorable Gentlemen!

I am possessor of a most ancient piece of coin, a so called shekel, it has on one side an olive branch and around this a hebrew inscription, and on the other side an urn with a flame and an other hebrew inscription. I would like to see this. Should you think it valuable in your, I ask for the honor to send a few words to me

and I should be glad to bring it to you for investigation.

Yours

most respectfully

Mrs B. Hausmann

239 E 77 St.

Virginia June 8th 81.

Prof Author.

Dear Sir.

Would you do me a favor by telling me if quarter dollar of 1853 are really worth 50 cents a piece. Please by obliging

Louis Colin

Virginia City

P.O.B. 358. Nevada.

6/17/11

Prof Anthon.

Dear Sir

We have a few old coins and would like to know the premium on them if any. We have six silver quarters of 1853 two silver half dollars one 1835 + 1836 with a milled edge, a British half dollar of 1817.

Resp

Frank Bro

Kiamo
Mobile Co
Ala

Cameron Steuben Co. N.Y.
June 27/81

Sir will you please send me a list of Silver & copper coins that are worth more than their face value

I see it stated in a New York paper that the Silver quarter dollar of 1853 was worth fifty cents

I have several of them, and also the Eagle pennies of 1857 & 1858

Please answer & oblige

Yours &c
J. C. Parmele
Cameron
Steuben Co
N.Y.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have also copies

1818-46-47 48-52-55-
54-56; ichio 1858-57-
65-67-73 74; [illegible]
[illegible] of 1865 & 52; [illegible]
[illegible] 1831 & 57; [illegible]
1828-30-31-35-36 56
& 57. [illegible] [illegible]
have any, [illegible]

[illegible]

L. J. Pond.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you have
[illegible] you [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] I [illegible] done
[illegible] since a chip of stone
coins I what [illegible] were worth
I you have [illegible] given as [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] collection [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of 1853 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
I have [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] edge I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the other [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

hope if they are what you want — if you will drop me a line when I can find you I shall be pleased to bring them to you If they are not wanted would you kindly drop a postal that I may know if this reaches you as I have no street or number to address

Yours truly
Mrs F I Benson

My Dear Sir: I have quite a number of old coins (American) both silver & copper. And there are many others in circulation. For as you may suppose, our old families in a rural region, are more apt to have old coins stored away in old stockings, and rat holes, than in your driving, changing, section.

Will you please furnish me a list of prices, and any information on the subject you can conveniently furnish.

Ed F. & M (See opp page)

A Shotwell Raleigh N C

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